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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

The following Remarks are submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed March 31, 2004 regarding the above-identified U.S. patent application.

Applicants acknowledge that the Notice of Allowance mailed September 23, 2003 has been vacated, and that prosecution of Claims 14-19 on the merits has been reopened. Applicants note in this regard, that the Issue Fee for this application was paid on November 6, 2003. Accordingly, upon receipt of a new Notice of Allowance, they will request that the amount previously paid be applied to the fee due in connection with the new Notice of Allowance.

Claims 14-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Yamatake et al (Japanese patent document 3-295408). However, for the reasons set forth hereinafter, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 14-19 distinguish over Yamatake et al and remain allowable, as previously indicated.

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